

REMARKS

The application has been amended to a place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next official action.

A replacement drawing is fitted for Figure 1 adding reference numeral 2b designating the side wall as disclosed on page 5, line 6, of the application as filed. The above noted change to the drawing is the only change and is not believed new matter.

Claims 1-14 were previously pending in the application. New claims 15-20 are added. Therefore, claims 1-20 are presented for consideration.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for having non-equivalent alternatives on line 7 and for the phrase "frame or ..." on line 10 being perceived as inaccurate.

Claim 1 is amended to provide that the projections engage a roll of web material at or near a rotational axis of the roll. Such phrase is believed to provide readily discernable alternatives to address this rejection.

As to the phrase in line 10, claim 1 is amended to provide that at least one of the frame roll support projections and the cover roll support projection is rotatably mounted in a bearing. This clarifies that it is the frame roll support projection 6 that is rotatably mounted, not the frame 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1, and replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. In Figure 1, we are adding reference numeral 2b denoting the side wall.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Claim 1 is rejected as anticipated by Harris et al patent No. 5,501,415. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to provide that the cover is hingedly connectable to the frame.

As seen in Figures 2 and 6 of Harris, it appears that flexible cover 12 is placed on frame 54 and then pin 40 is inserted into the bag 12 to piece side wall 16. The shoulder 48 of the pin 40 is then inserted into saddle 64 to support the roll as described on Column 4, lines 53-65, of Harris et al. Such connection between the shoulder 48 and the saddle 64 is not a hinged connection. Accordingly, Harris does not teach that the cover is hingedly connectable to the frame as recited.

As the reference does not disclose that which is recited, anticipation rejection is not viable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 8-14 are rejected as anticipated by Tramontina patent No. 6,502,781. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended and provides that the cover is hingedly connectable to the frame.

The Official Action indicates that reference numeral 21 designates both the frame and the cover. As seen in Figure 1 of Tramontina, this appears to be an accurate assessment because the device of Tramontina is a one-piece housing. Accordingly, Tramontina does not disclose two elements: A frame and a cover

hingedly connectable to the frame as recited. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to distinguish over Tramontina.

Claims 2-5 and 8-14 depend from claim 1 and further define the invention and also believed patentable over the cited prior art.

In addition, claim 3 provides that the roll support projection has a projection part that is adapted to penetrate into a center of the roll. In contrast, Tramontina teaches projections 55 that engage an indentation or a space in the side of the paper roll as disclosed on Column 2, lines 27-30, of Tramontina. Accordingly, the projections 55 of Tramontina do not penetrate the center of the roll. Rather, they rest in preformed indents or spaces formed in the roll.

Claim 4 provides that the projection part has a pointed end and a tapering shape. As seen in Figure 3 of Tramontina, the end of the projection part 50 is rounded. In fact, Tramontina could not have a pointed end because such pointed end would not allow the insertion of the roll. As seen in Figure 15 of Tramontina, the roll is inserted from the bottom of the housing until the projections 55 align with the indents 27 in the roll. Having a pointed end would cause the roll of Tramontina to be damaged during insertion, such that one would not choose a pointed end for the projection part of Tramontina.

Claims 11 and 12 include similar recitations to that of claims 3 and 4 and the analysis for claims 3 and 4 is applicable to claims 11 and 12.

New independent claim 15 also provides that the cover is hingedly connectable to the frame. Claim 15 further provides that frame roll support projection has a projection part that is adapted to pierce a center of the roll and that the cover roll support projection has a projection part that is adapted to pierce the center of the roll. These features are absent from the references.

Claims 16-18 depend from claim 15, and further define the invention and also believed patentable over the cited prior art.

New independent claim 19 also provides that the cover is hingedly connected to the frame and that the frame roll support projection on the cover rolls support projection each have a projection part that is adapted to pierce the center of the roll. The analysis above regarding claims 1 and 3 is equally applicable to new claim 19.

Claim 20 depends from claim 19 and further defines the invention and also is believed patentable over the cited prior art.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document